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Dear Orio,

Most of the enclosed material has been in the hands of NSF for some time and I think they will already have furnished the appropriate certifications but I have repeated this submission in this way as a reminder about that and in order to try to see if we can get some new funding for additional visits, especially your own. Unfortunately, we are really very strapped right now and I would need to get some new money, or assurance that our current grants are going to be renewed without cuts -- which is rather unlikely -- before I would be able to invite you, with cash in hand, for a further visit this year, which, of course, I would very much like to be able to do. We will, unfortunately, not have very much more definite information about this until probably the end of June but I will, of course, let you know as quickly as possible what is happening.

We have been facing a very difficult crisis indeed, especially in the area of our training grants but also in respect to negotiated reductions of the order of 10-20% in many research grants but I think we are beginning to see the bottom of the depression and can look forward with some confidence, at least we know the nature of the situation for the time being.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Genetics

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Enclosure